Frequently Asked Questions

Covid-19 Testing for Universities Staff and Students

1. **When will universities staff and students be tested?**

All staff will be tested according to the attached *COVID-19 Testing Schedule.*

2. **Where will the testing take place?**

Testing will take place on SEHA Drive Thru COVID Screening Centers. Find attached sites and locations

3. **What documentation will be required?**

Staff need to bring their Emirates ID. New staff who have not yet been issued an Emirates ID may bring their passports

4. **Does the staff or students have to pay for the testing?**

No.

5. **Are we allowed to use staff or students buses to transport staff to the screening center on the testing day?**

No, in case a member is positive, all other staff on the bus will be asked to self-isolate and will therefore affect your reopening plans.

6. **Can the universities staff or students join the next day after the testing day?**

No one is allowed into the universities premises until they have received a negative COVID test result.

7. **What happens if a staff or students result is 'positive'?**
The staff/student will receive a SMS directing him/her to go to a designated center for retesting to confirm the diagnosis. Staff should adhere to precautionary measures and Isolation till the retesting is done.

8. **What evidence does a principal need to ensure all staff have been tested?**

   It is the principal's responsibility to ensure all his staff and contractors who will be present in the school premises are tested and have received a negative COVID result. After testing day, you should not allow anyone into the school premises without showing proof of their negative test result. Please keep all records available for future compliance visits.

9. **What if staff /students have already been tested?**

   All staff will still be required to test again. No member of staff is exempt from testing regardless of when he was tested.

10. **Are both PCR and DPI testing valid?**

    No, only PCR testing is valid.

11. **What about staff who were not able to test on the scheduled day (ie. because they were in self-quarantine, or because they are outside the UAE)?**

    Staff who missed testing according to the schedule can go to one of the SEHA screening centers. Universities will need to provide them with the University code (as detailed in the excel sheet).

12. **Will the staff and students get retested?**

Yes, every 2 weeks.

13. **How long till we get the test results?**

Within a maximum 72 hours

14. **How will I know the result tests?**

You will receive SMS with the results. Please download SEHA application to download the report. It is requested to download AlHoson App to present your results when is required.

15. **A member of my staff / Students is pregnant and will be delivering soon. She will not be coming to the university during the first phase of the reopening, does she need to be tested?**

She doesn't need to be tested if she will not be coming to the university premises in the near future. She will need to be tested before entering the school at a later date

16. **A member of my staff/student is pregnant, does she need to be tested?**

Yes.

17. **A member of my staff is in quarantine, when can they be tested?**

They can be tested on day 12 of their quarantine period onwards, if the university testing day comes before their twelfth day, they can go directly to screening centers presenting their university code.

18. **A member of my staff / student has been in self isolation since they returned from travel. Staff had a negative test result upon arrival to the UAE, do they still need to be tested?**

Yes. Anybody coming back from travel should be in 14 days home quarantine, so this staff/student should be tested on day 12 of quarantine.

19. **A member of my staff was part of the 4humanity vaccine trials, they have completed all phases of the trials, do they need to be tested?**

Yes.

20. **If staff have been tested in the last 48 hours when they entered Abu Dhabi, will they have to be tested again at this time?**
Yes.

21. **If a member of staff lives outside the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, do they need to be tested within Emirate of Abu Dhabi screening centers?**

They can go to one of SEHA Drive Thru Screening Centers in other Emirates using the same university code.